

**City of Kenmore
City Council Meeting
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 27, 2026**

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Meeting video and audio is available on the City YouTube channel.

PRESENT:

Councilmembers: Mayor Nigel Herbig
Deputy Mayor Valerie Sasson
Councilmember Melanie O’Cain
Councilmember Joe Marshall
Councilmember Jon Culver
Councilmember Eric Adman
Councilmember Nathan Loutsis

Staff: City Manager Teri Killgore
Deputy City Manager Stephanie Lucash
City Attorney Dawn Reitan
Assistant to the City Manager Michelle Kang
Co-Clerk Shannon Tipple-Leen
Kenmore Police Chief Brandon Moen
Recreation Program Supervisor Maurita Colburn

Speaking Guests: Jennifer Anderson, Proclamation Recipient
McCord Hollis, Proclamation Recipient
Troy Draws, Proclamation Recipient
Ryan Donohue, Proclamation Recipient
Judge Rebecca Robertson
Judge Karama Hawkins
Judge Raul Martinez
Judge Bardi Martin
Prosecutor Sarah Roberts
Public Defender Jeff MacNichols
Regional Crisis Response (RCR) Agency Executive Director Brook Buettner

Public Comments Speaking Guests:
Steve Yoder, Kenmore Resident
Elizabeth Mooney, Kenmore Resident

Jim Myers, Kenmore Resident
Debra Srebnik, Kenmore Resident

CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Herbig called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Herbig read the Land Acknowledgement Honoring First Peoples.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Herbig led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as presented.

PROCLAMATIONS

- A. The Kenmore City Council proclaimed May 2026 as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month throughout the City of Kenmore.
- B. The Kenmore City Council proclaimed May 2026 as Affordable Housing Month throughout the City of Kenmore. Partners Imagine Housing and Habitat for Humanity accepted this year's proclamation.
- C. The Kenmore City Council proclaimed May 2026 as Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Month throughout the City of Kenmore. Kenmore Residents Jennifer Anderson and McCord Hollis accepted this year's proclamation.

WHERE'S THE FUN?

City Manager Teri Killgore introduced Recreation Program Supervisor Maurita Colburn, who reported on the City's Earth Day event.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The City Council received comments from the public.

Timestamped link here: <https://youtu.be/-jkeXZo82JQ?t=1680>

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve City Council Special Meeting Minutes of Monday, April 6, 2026
- B. Approve City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of Monday, April 13, 2026
- C. Approve the following Voucher Certification and Approval:

- Total Check #s 57910 through 57974 totaling \$920,896.16
- Total Payroll/Taxes/Flexible Spending/Retirement & Health Savings Account Electronic Deposits Dated 03/06/2025 in the amount totaling \$320,414.58
- Total EFT Payment #s 1959 through 1962 total \$277,341.64
- Total Wire Transfers totaling \$ 0

MOTION: Approve the consent agenda outlined above.

Moved by Culver; seconded by Loutsis.

VOTE: Consent Agenda was approved by UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

PUBLIC SAFETY STUDY SESSION AGENDA

- King County District Court - State of the Court 2026, presented by
 - Judge Rebecca Robertson
 - Judge Karama Hawkins
 - Judge Raul Martinez
 - Judge Bardi Martin
- Kenmore Prosecutor Update, presented by Prosecutor Sarah Roberts
- Kenmore Public Defender Update, presented by Public Defender Jeff MacNichols
- Regional Crisis Response (RCR) Agency Update, presented by Executive Director Brook Buettner
- Police Services Report 2025, presented by Kenmore Police Chief Brandon Moen

King County District Court representatives outlined how Kenmore cases are handled and described current court operations, including virtual hearings, paperless e-filing, and remote in-custody appearances. They emphasized restorative and therapeutic approaches such as Community Court, Regional Mental Health Court, and Veterans Court, along with domestic violence protections and expanded case resolution options aimed at addressing underlying issues and reducing recidivism.

The City Prosecutor office handled 85 Kenmore cases (100 charges) in the last 11 months, with over one-third involving domestic violence and about one-fifth DUI. The office emphasizes discretion and therapeutic options like stipulated orders of continuance and specialty courts, while treating domestic violence and DUI cases as especially serious.

The Public Defender represents about 90% of Kenmore criminal defendants each year and emphasizes trial advocacy plus intensive training. The Defender focuses on addressing root causes (like poverty, mental health, substance use, and licensing issues) and on using therapeutic and community court options in collaboration with the prosecutor.

Regional Crisis Response (RCR) Agency now fields mental-health crisis responders on most 911 behavioral-health calls in Kenmore and four partner cities, diverting many situations away from police and fire through on-scene de-escalation and service referrals. In 2025 they served 1,800 people in 4,300 encounters region-wide, including 69 individuals in 179 Kenmore encounters, with longer-term data showing reduced jail bookings, ER visits, and crisis events after RCR involvement.

The Police Chief reported 2025 data showing low and, in many categories, declining crime, collision, and use-of-force numbers despite having significantly fewer officers per 1,000 residents than state and regional averages. He highlighted strong community policing and engagement efforts, expanded automated traffic enforcement and training/equipment upgrades, and the breadth of regional KCSO services that support local public safety and help manage growing call loads.

STAFF REPORTS

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS & COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Herbig adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:30 PM.



Nigel Herbig, Mayor



Scott Passey, City Clerk









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Final Audit Report

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